such hostility against them would have arisen, as the people concerned would not have felt endangered in their social or economic interests. In pre-War Germany, the home of modern anti-Semitism, the dislike of the Jews was due to the caste spirit of the privileged classes (nobles, officers, high officials), and to the economic interests of the middle classes, which feared the competition of the Jews in business and the professions.

In certain countries political factors have contributed to the growth of anti-Semitism. Where the Jews are kept down either by law or by social anti-Semitism, it is only natural that they should turn against a system which is responsible for these barriers and join the opposition parties (Liberal or Progressive); and where the majority of them live in a state of poverty, they join the parties—Socialist or Communist—which fight against the capitalist system and aim at changing economic conditions. In both cases the number of Jews among the leaders is out of proportion to their percentage of the population, because as inhabitants of towns they take a greater part in politics, and because the percentage of men with a higher education is much greater among them. With the non-Jews discontent and revolutionary activities centre in the proletariat, but with the Jews there is another storm-centre in the intellectuals, who are prevented by anti-Semit-

ism from attaining the position otherwise due to them. The part played by Jews in the Opposition or among the revolutionaries counts against them with the ruling parties and classes. Anti-Semitism, like all xenophobia, tends to blame entire groups for the acts of individuals, and consequently Jewry as a whole is accused of hostility against the State and of evincing a destructive mentality. But as a matter of fact the Jews join the Opposition to any large extent only where their legal or economic situation is unsatisfactory; and have not done so either in Great Britain, or in France, or in the United States. In modern times the party colour of the Jews, as of all other groups, is determined by their